

LIFESTYLES



Nelline Hudson retires from United States Postal Service

A retirement dinner was held in honor of Mrs. Nelline Hudson on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Kelly's Bar-B-Que in Elba. Mrs. Hudson is retiring after years of service as a postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Elba. She said she will miss the people on her route as well as her co-workers, however, her plans for now are to REST!

Joseph Bentley Long celebrates first birthday on July 7th



Joseph Bentley Long

Joseph Bentley Long, the son of Victor and Whitney Wise Long, had his first birthday and happily celebrated with family and special friends at the Village Pier Park on St. Simons Island, Ga. on July 7, 2000.

Also attending Bentley's party were his Mommy and Poppy from Enterprise, Shirley and Robert Earl Morgan. Bentley is also the grandson of the late James J. Wise Jr. of Elba. His great-grandmothers are Mary Alice Wise of Elba and Mary Lacey Nolin of Red Level.



Mr. & Mrs. Alton Bailey

Bailey's celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Alton and Merlene Bailey of Brantley recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family.

The couple was married on Sept. 14, 1950. They have three children: Shirlon Dye of Elba, Pamela Bailey of Auburn and Charles Bailey of Brantley. They also have four grandchildren: Bethany and Benjamin Dye of Elba and Courtney and Nicki Bailey of Brantley. All the family attended the celebration which included a dinner and a 50th Anniversary cake. A special video was presented by the family in honor of the celebration. The video consisted of old family movies and special music.

The surprise highlight of the evening was limousine service to the celebration site for Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and their grandchildren.

Alton is the son of the late Joe Banks and Lula Bailey of Brantley. Merlene is the daughter of the late Roy D. and Bertha Mae Mount of Brantley.



Herman and Hansel Prescott represent the honored family

The 15th Annual Curtis School Reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at the covered pavilion behind the New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curtis). The honored alumna will be Marilyn Arnold Brannen and the honored family will be Sally Prescott Mitchell, Hansel Prescott and Herman Prescott. Please bring a covered dish. Ice and serving utensils will be furnished. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, food and many laughs down memory lane.

For more information, contact Janice Cowen Hudson at (334)527-3701 or Nell Wilson Gilmer at (334)492-2182.

Elba COC preparing for annual banquet

The Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. Dress for the event is casual. This year, the chamber is featuring some of its businesses and giving awards to those who have gone the extra mile throughout the year. There will also be prize drawings, and winners must be present to receive their prize. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber office, the Briar Patch, or from any chamber board member. The cost is \$15. Due to the preparation of food, all tickets must be sold in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door on the evening of the event. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, Sept. 25. For more information, call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

Elba Marching Tiger Band hosts golf tourney

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Elba Country Club.

Starting time will be 10 a.m. Teams will be formed by handicaps. Entry fee will be \$35 and includes lunch.

To sign up, contact the Elba Country Club at 897-6600 or Laura Baxley at 897-6451. All proceeds will help buy new drums for the band.

Plans for Elba's Christmas festival underway

The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently announced that plans are underway for the annual Christmas Festival on the Square in downtown Elba. This year's theme will be "Share the Spirit." As in the past, the festival will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This year's plans include great entertainment throughout the day, including a hand bell choir, cloggers, a bluegrass band and other local talent. Most of the favorite activities will again be on this year's agenda, such as buggy rides,

tea party and many arts and crafts exhibits. The beauty pageant held in conjunction with the festival will take place on Nov. 11.

The evening will wrap up with a magical Christmas parade. In addition, last year's lighting ceremony was a memorable event and will be repeated this year with new nominees. Another added feature to this year's holiday events will be a Tour of Homes to be held on Dec. 10.

Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 for further information.

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STATE OFFERS \$500,000 FOR COUNTY'S HEALTH FACILITY

County's FY 2000-2001 budget nears \$12 million

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's bi-monthly meeting was rather lengthy Monday due to the opening of annual bids. They also adopted a balanced budget of almost \$11.8 million for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

There was little discussion among the commissioners concerning the budget before it was voted on, mainly due to the fact that they have been holding budget hearings during the past few weeks.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley gave an abbreviated breakdown of the budget consisting of the following "main items": general fund - \$4,075,016.00; landfill fund - \$2,921,600.00; 72 gasoline fund - \$2,108,100.00; 3R gasoline fund - \$1,217,000.00; public highway & traffic fund - \$297,020.00; public buildings, road & bridge fund - \$727,873.00; and reappraisal fund - \$432,640.00.

The lone vote against approval of the budget was cast by Commissioner Doug Dymally.

"In my opinion, we were not fair with the workers on the raises we passed out," he said. "And, if we keep robbing the road and bridge funds three and four thousand dollars a year, we're still going to have bridges that the governor can stick his hand through the piling and still have dirt roads. I'm opposed to this budget."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks

also voiced his concerns that the employees' salaries were not sufficient enough to hold experienced employees. "We're not paying these people a good living salary," he said.

Commissioner Robert Stephens commented that the annual salary increase amounted to a two-step pay raise - approximately 5 percent. The Peoples Bank was designated as the county's depository. Their proposal was to pay the county 6.15 percent interest on deposits and the loan rate (guaranteed for the whole year) was set at 5.75 percent.

There was several minutes of discussion before the motion, made by Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Linda Westbrook, was voted on and passed in a 4-2-1 vote. Voting for the motion were: Commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Len Averett and Kayo Lewis; Commissioners Dymally and Tom Grimley both opposed the motion; and Commissioner Brooks abstained.

An attempt by Commissioner Brooks to get the matter tabled failed. There seemed to be concern about the length of time the banks had to submit their proposals.

As a result of the discussion concerning the designation of the depository, it was approved by the commission by a unanimous vote to send all banks the invitation to submit proposals next year in July, thus giving them almost three months to prepare their respective proposals.

In another business matter, the

commission voted unanimously to accept the state's offer to purchase the health department building for \$500,000.00. This is the balance of the amount owed on the facility. Originally, a bond issue in the amount of \$1 million was issued to construct the facility. The state has been paying the county monthly for the use of the facility on an annual basis which, over the years, comes

awarded the following annual bids: filter blanket at 55¢ per yd. by Con-tech Construction Products of Tallahassee, Fla.; herbicides were split between Helent Chemical, Dothan, Timberland Enterprises of Auburn, Red River Specialties of Pellham, Argo Distribution Company of Dothan, and Nature Chem; Southeast Materials of Birmingham was low bidder on supplying crushed stone; the bid for seeding, fertilizing and spreading went to Coffee County Farm Co-Op; the bid for to provide gasoline and diesel to the county, and finally, the low bid for plain steel pipe went to Harvey Culvert of Onetona.

The Coffee County Commission will hold its next bi-monthly meeting on Monday, October 9th, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

"I feel like this is a win-win situation for the county," said Commissioner Chairman Lewis.

The commission also voted to place the \$500,000 in a special account, and to use the interest generated in retiring debts.

In another business matter, the



KINSTON HOMECOMING QUEEN Holly Odom is shown being crowned by high school principal Jerry Barnes in halftime activities of the Kinston-Florida football game last Saturday night. The event was postponed from Friday night due to predictions of bad weather. Kinston won for the homecoming crowd by a score of 24-0. The high school senior queen is escorted by Travis Jacobs.

Elba council votes to collect authorized penalties from contractors on two uncompleted city projects

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council collected Monday evening for the final meeting of the administration which has led Elba for the past four years. Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., four new council members will be sworn into office. They will join Mayor James Grimes and District 5 councilman Ronnie Hammond at the next four years.

The council voted to hold the contractors on two city projects liable for liquidated damages, as both contractors have exceeded the time allowed for the project and the city has incurred additional expenses due to the delays. Both Cardwell Construction, which is installing the improved storm drain system, and Speegle Construction, which is installing the upgraded sewer system, will be charged \$300 and \$400 a day respectively for every day they have exceeded the contract terms.

The council approved a two year contract with Coffee County EMS for continued emergency ambulance service at a cost of \$48,000. It is the same financial terms as the existing contract pays. Half of this is to be paid by the City of Elba and half by Coffee County.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the Grand Jury would convene on October 16th and the councilmen could expect a good bit of news to come out in their closing report.

The council approved resolutions supporting Alabama Amendment #1 on the November general election ballot and a resolution proclaiming October 1-7 as Public



OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS were honored for their service to the community Monday evening as Mayor James Grimes gave each a plaque thanking them for their years of service. Councilmen Harold Banning and Winzell Gray, left and right respectively completed four years of service while Councilman John W. Sharpless is completing 26 years of service, having been appointed to fill an unexpired term on November 7, 1974. He chose not to seek re-election after building a new home out of his district (District #2). Councilman Ben Carpenter was not present for the Monday night ceremony.

Power Week.

Mayor Grimes reported the city's health insurance has gone up in three years and will not increase in the coming year. He noted the city really improved their position by changing to the local government

County residents urged to pay garbage fees on or before Oct. 1

by Marvin McLain, Editor

In Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, rural residents were urged to pay their garbage collection fees promptly or legal action will be taken.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley noted that notification had been sent to ALL residents presently receiving the service and be instructed to make their payment to the Coffee County Commission in lieu of Mark Dunning Industries.

Mark Dunning Industries will continue picking up the garbage but the collection of fees is now the responsibility of the county. The payment can be mailed to the Commission office or taken in person to a newly established office for this purpose which is the old driver's license office located in the County Complex in New Brockton. There are three options of payment: \$60 for six months, \$31.50 quarterly, or \$11 monthly. The fees MUST be paid in advance.

The commissioners looked at three options of how to deal with residents failing to pay their garbage fees and settled on the following:

any resident not paying their fee by the 10th of the month (they are due on the 1st of each month) will be turned over to the small claims court for collection. This policy goes into effect on October 1st.

The other options considered were as follows: any account not paid by the end of the month for services being provided would be suspended until all outstanding charges and fees were paid in full; and the other was, any account not paid by the end of the month for services provided would have their service terminated and their containers picked up. Reinstatement services would be required and outstanding charges of \$25 to include the reinstatement fee.

Mobley reported that as of September 20, approximately 2,000 residents had paid their fees to the commission office. At the present time, there are about 6,100 customers signed up to receive the service. This means that only one-third of the customers have paid their bill and October 1 is fast approaching.

Fall Festival Of Savings

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Plans are moving forward for the new Elba post office. The post office department started Monday soliciting bids on construction and leasing of the facility. They are seeking bids on a 5,003 sq ft (inside) building. Bidding deadline is October 25th. It is to be built on the lot adjoining The Peoples Bank on Claxton Avenue. There is a notice of this posted on the inside door of the Elba Post Office with contact names and phone numbers plus the local postmaster has additional information.

Daylight Savings time does NOT end until the end of October. Several people have asked about this and the official date is Sunday, October 29th. We don't like the changing twice a year any more than the last time it was mentioned. Many of you have expressed the same feelings, but it is a reality and something to accept.

Elba native Bob Inman has gotten another book published. Our pre-release review copy of "Coming Home" arrived from his publisher on Monday of this week. We didn't dare start reading it until the weekly paper is printed and in the mail. . . . there just don't seem to be enough hours in the day for work and pleasure, so the pleasure must wait until the work is completed. . . . at least that is the way our tankers explain it to us. This book appears to be the collection of his weekly newspaper columns from the Charlotte (NC) Observer. Robert (Bob) to all of us Inman writes about Elba, Mama Cooper, his friend Delbert Earle and always about his real life childhood Elba friend Booger. Copies of the new book will be on sale at The Briar Patch within the next week or so. Bob has a book signing scheduled in Elba (also at The Briar Patch) in plenty of time for Christmas gift buying.

Thus far we have been fairly successful in avoiding all the bantering back and forth between the two major presidential candidates. Sunday there were some references in the newspapers about the mistakes each has made during the past week and our position was. . . GREAT. We missed that. Example - Gore reminding about a song he remembered from his childhood. . . . and those in the know report it wasn't written until he was 26 years old! To us that is an example (and it could be said for either candidate) of them "talking" from a script prepared by publicity agents who are reading and writing according to what the polls indicate American voters want to hear.

The Wiregrass dodged another bullet last week when the tropical storm coming in from the Gulf of Mexico turned and went to the East of us. Even the expected rain from the tropical depression mostly went in another direction. As it turned out, we seemed to get more local rain from the cool weather front that pushed the storm away from us. It was good rain, mostly in light showers that the extremely dry ground could soak up with the ease and efficiency of a new sponge.

Monday, new city governments officially take office all across Alabama. In Coffee County, as well as adjoining counties, there seems to be a smooth transfer of leadership from one administration to another in the works. To us that shows there is maturity in both the incoming and outgoing folks. Good luck to all of them.



It is impossible for two cars to meet on this street if anyone is parked on the other side. It is assumed that the large dumpster is way out in the street because it is the only place it can be worked effectively. Why are the two smaller cars even further out in the street? Maybe it is because that is where those on the garbage pick-up truck got finished with them! Our own experiences are similar. Several times we have complained to city hall because the office garbage can was left in the street, next door, etc. Now this.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 18, 2000 through September 24, 2000. They were: Ethel Johnson, Lovie Hooks, Martha Holland, Helen Forrester, Cateen Johnson, Ida Hooks, Fannie Watson, Deborah Sullivan, Alyssa Shelton, Mary Rushing, Joe Ann Warren, Angie Anderson, and

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 18, 2000, investigated the following incidents: two domestic disturbances, two DUI's, two harassment, two harassing communications, one property damage, one theft of property, one assault, one runaway juvenile, and one resisting arrest.

The following arrests were made: one for resisting arrest and seven for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nineteen for speeding, twenty-one for violation of the seat belt law, nine for no insurance, four for driving while driver's license are revoked, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, three for DUI, one for running a stop sign, one for no tag displayed, one for insurance required, three for no tag, one for failing to yield to a pedestrian, two for expired tag, one for driver's license, one for allowing a minor to drive, one for leaving the scene of an accident, one for driver's license not in possession, one for an expired driver's license, and one for attempting to elude.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - River stage - 2.10 (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (7:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Stoudermeier Street (12:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - River stage - 2.05 (6:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Al Hwy 167 (8:24 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - River stage - none reported; Routine activity.

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BULLETIN BOARD

- SOCIAL SECURITY REP - Court house 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1211.
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6 p.m. City Hall.
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday @ 6 p.m. City Hall.
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
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- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office.
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall - First.
- MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mondays 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brock @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club Hall.
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Coffee Int. Enterprise.
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
- AARP meets every 2nd Tuesday night of the month.
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. Elba Airport. Don't forget!
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

Pettie Lee Wambles.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: April McAllister, Cateen Parrish, Jody Hussey, Alexis Adkins, Ethel Johnson, Martha Holland, Joe Smith, Helen Smith, Cateen Johnson, Lovie Hooks, Deborah Sullivan, Yvonne Legg, and Mary Rushing.

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PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK PROCLAIMED... The City of Elba will recognize the week of Oct. 2-6 as Public Natural Gas Week based on a proclamation signed by Mayor James Grimes on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Because the City of Elba is a member of The Southeast Alabama Gas District, a publicly-owned natural gas system, the mayor signed the proclamation citing progress of the entire area as being influenced by The Southeast Alabama Gas District, making affordable energy available for home and industries. Natural gas week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of public gas. Natural gas is among the cleanest and most affordable fuels available. Present for the proclamation signing were (left to right): Mayor James Grimes, Randy Castleberry - Southeast Alabama Gas District and Elba City Councilman Waylon Sharpless.

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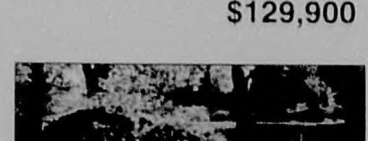
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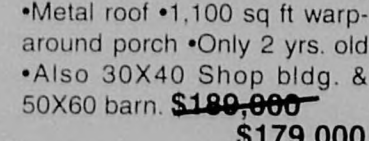
Country Home • Located on Co. Rd. 618 Just 10 Minutes From Enterprise 22 AC± • Fenced pasture land w/2 small ponds • 1,800 Sq. Ft. farm house • Vinyl siding • Metal roof • 1,100 sq ft wrap-around porch • Only 2 yrs. old • Also 30X40 Shop bldg. & 50X60 barn. ~~\$199,000~~ \$179,000



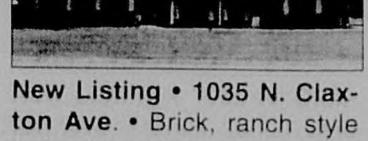
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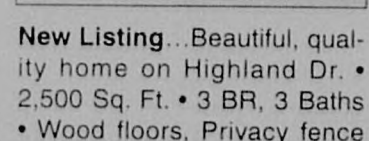
New Listing • Brookdale Subdivision • 3BR Brick Home • Nice Lot • \$43,500



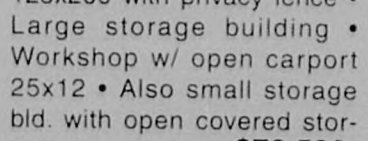
New Listing • 1035 N. Claxton Ave. • Brick, ranch style home in prime location, near hospital • 3BR - Den - 2 Bath - LR - DR • Covered brick patio, garage vented for heating & cooling • Lot size 125X200 with privacy fence • Large storage building • Workshop w/ open carport 25X12 • Also small storage bld. with open covered storage • \$76,500



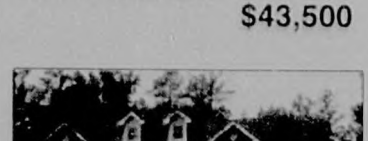
Dr. Roberts Drive - 2,000 SF-3 BR, 2 Bath Brick Home - Completely remodeled on 3/4 AC± • \$89,900



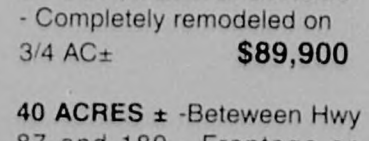
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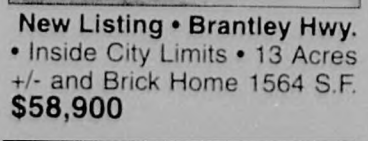
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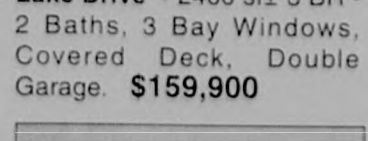
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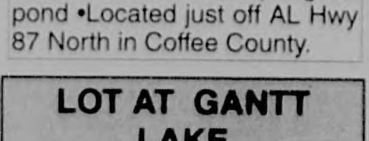
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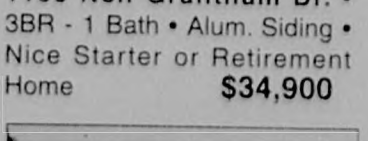
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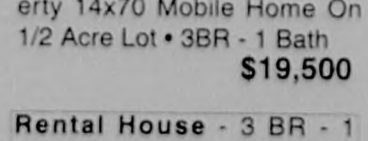
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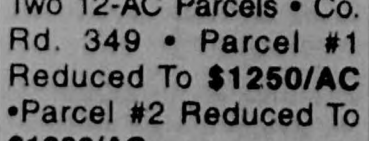
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It's a glorious Fall Friday afternoon. The leaves have changed their colors and there is a slight mist in the air. There's something about a Friday afternoon that's special. There's just a certain feeling in the air. The ground is extremely muddy from yesterday's shower. The boys suit up for this is glory day. No more practices this week, only a performance. This is the pinnacle of this week, this month, or maybe even this year. As they rush out of that run through, thoughts of practice, last week's game, and that 350-pound tackle on the opposing side all come rushing into their heads. They raise their arms as the "Eye of the Tiger" is played. This is their battle cry. Opening kickoff begins with the blow of a whistle. This begins the battle. Their bodies jolt forward and rush into that line-backer. They soon find their faces smashed in the mud. Determined, they rise and fall with each tackle and each mistake. During the course of this game, number 22's cleats sink into the flesh between your thumb and index finger. Blood gushes to the surface. The only bandage is your pride and your mud-stained jersey. During a timeout, coach hollers, but you know it's only motivation. When you go back in, #32 makes a comment to you. It hurts, but only for a minute. For you see, words don't mean anything in this game. You suddenly kneel for one of your teammates is yelling in pain beside you. Just when you think that the win is yours, they score again. You look to the people. Wait, where exactly are the fans? You identify lots of spectators, but where are the fans? The band suddenly starts to play the fight song. Your pride is restored and the music refreshes you. But where are the fans?

Several years ago, Elba had a pep club consisting of high school students. Almost 100 students were involved. Today, probably 20% of high school students attend the games. No one stands and cheers anymore. Is this not the alma mater of many people in attendance? Where is the waving of pom poms during the fight song? When the cheerleaders begin to cheer, the crowd becomes hushed. When

cheerleaders try to get everyone motivated, the crowd becomes silent like children playing the quiet game. Where has all of this pride gone?

Elba has not had a winning season in several years. However, Elba does have a football team who is dedicated despite the comments and stereotypes. These boys are heroes simply because they've overlooked what's expected and strive to accomplish great things every week. These boys bleed, sweat profusely, bruise easily, and sometimes cry. The joy of being a football player comes from tackling that 275-pound guy, sacking that quarterback and busting out of that run-through.

These boys live for the end of August. The feelings that overcome them on that first Friday night are overwhelming. This is their battle. This is their blood, sweat and tears. For some, this will be the first time they have an opportunity to score a touchdown. These boys experience bumps and bruises every day. They get beaten down at practice on a daily basis. However, the worst beating that they endure is hearing the comments made and knowing people don't believe in them. The worst sound is the band playing the fight song, yet, there are no fans singing and no swishing of pom poms. These boys have guts and dedication. This is their battle, their first and last chance. These are the bruises, cuts and sprains of 4 years. This is their battlefield and they want to win. Will you please shout the battle cry?

Sincerely,
Cammie Kelley
P.S. - I would like to commend the band and cheerleaders on the excellent job they do in supporting the team. They are truly awesome strengths at Elba High.

EXPRESS YOUR
VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER TO
THE EDITOR

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

The Riley Report...

by U.S. Representative Bob Riley, Alabama - 3rd District

Internet gambling should be illegal.

Washington, D.C. — The Internet is the new battleground in the war against gambling. More than 700 gambling operations are just a computer click away for your neighbors, your friends, and more troubling, your children. Sure, it's hard for teenagers to sneak into a casino down in Biloxi, but how hard is it for them to log onto a gambling site from their bedrooms? The answer: it's not hard at all, especially for a generation so familiar with computers and the Internet.

That's why I recently voted for bill to make Internet gambling illegal. It was a tough fight, but more than 60 percent of my fellow congressmen joined me in supporting H.R. 3125, The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act. Internet gambling revenues soared from \$300 million in 1997 to \$651 million in 1998, and estimates show that they could reach \$2 billion next year. That's why the pro-gambling lobby is so worried about this bill, and they

should be. The act would amend the federal criminal code to make it unlawful for any person engaged in a gambling business to use the Internet or any other interactive computer service to place, receive, or otherwise make a bet or wager, or send, receive, or invite information assisting in the placing of a bet or wager.

Rarely could a single piece of legislation do so much for our communities. Along with the danger of children gambling on the Internet, a government study released last year warned that gambling was becoming a "national addiction" and that additional venues for gambling should be prohibited. Seeing the signs increased gambling on college campuses, the NCAA and the NFL also supports the bill, along with dozens of pro-family organizations.

The act bans 98 percent of Internet gambling, leaving only what James C. Dobson called, "minor exemptions" that merely "recognize existing realities," where electronic

gambling is legal. Rev. Dobson, who is also president of Focus on the Family, said that, "this bill, although not perfect, is a major step in the right direction," and added that it will help stop "the rapid growth of gambling over the Internet that families, local government and even states cannot control." Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition, and Jerry Falwell, joined Rev. Dobson in urging passage of the bill, jointly writing that, "lotteries have proven to be highly addictive, particularly luring to youth . . . at home lottery gambling over the Internet would grossly compound this injustice."

I couldn't agree more. It is an injustice. About 11-12 million children log onto the Internet each day from home, school, or a friend's house. Eliminating a gambling operations ability to prey upon their innocence is a battle I'm prepared to fight. No parent should have to worry whether their children are doing home work or gambling on their personal computers.

U.S. Rep. Bob Riley, a Republican from Ashland, represents Alabama's 3rd Congressional District. Res can reach him at 322 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.

CANCER

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due to breast cancer could be lowered tremendously if women more educated about breast cancer and received a yearly mammogram.

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AREA DEATHS

GLORIA MAE HOLLEY

Mrs. Gloria Mae Holley, age 62, of Opp, Ala., died Sept. 20, 2000. Funeral services were held Sept. 22, 2000 from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp. Burial followed in Peaceful Acres.

Mrs. Holley was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Madonna Golden Carley.

Survivors include her husband: John Holley, one son John Douglas Holley, Dothan; three daughters: Belinda Adams, Andalusia, Donna Cooper, Opp; Sharon Little, Mobile, Ala.; four brothers: J.W. Carley, Paxton, Robert Carley, Calhoun, Ga.; Jackie Carley, Madison, Fla.; Jimmy Carley, Lockhart, Ala.; two sisters: Shirley Robinson, New Albany, Ga.; Glenda Bivins, Moultrie, Ga.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MARY ALICE COLEMAN YOUNG

Mrs. Mary Alice Coleman Young, born Aug. 3, 1932, of Elba, Ala., died Sept. 18, 2000.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22, 2000 at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba with Rev. Fred Flowers officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove A.M.E. Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Young was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Young.

Survivors include two sons: Jerry (Betty) Young, Brantley, Robert Earl (Terry) Young, Costa Mesa, Calif.; one daughter: Robbie (William) Felton Eastville, Va.; six grandchildren: Lisa (Tony) Kendrick, Birmingham, Joy L. Young, New York, Timothy Young, Brantley, Mich. Jermaine and Trenton Young, Costa Mesa, Calif.; one sister: Pearl Mincey, Elba; five sisters-in-law: Mattie P. Morris, Birmingham, Ruth Young, Sebring, Fla.; Emma G. Young, Talladega.

P.S

CHURCH

Homecoming to be held at Newbia Baptist Church, Sunday, October 1

Newbia Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. The morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. with former pastor, Bobby Hattaway, as the guest speaker. Following the services, lunch will be held in the

fellowship hall. At 1:30 p.m., a special program featuring the Mercy Messengers from Ozark will be held. All family, friends and neighbors are invited to attend. Newbia Baptist Church is located on Coffee County Road 330.

Homecoming planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

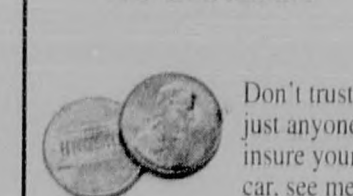
Homecoming is planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sunday, October 8. Guest speaker for the morning worship service will be Rev. Ben Ampong. A covered dish fellowship will follow at noon.

There will be a singing in the afternoon featuring the Forehands in the fellowship hall of the church. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located in the Pine level community and Rev. Bobby Driver, minister invites everyone to attend.

Wise Mill Assembly of God Homecoming Services will be Oct. 1st

Wise Mill Assembly of God Church will hold its 79th Annual Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 1. The morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Hollis Bradley, and the guest singers will be the Workmen Quartet from Pensacola, Fla. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

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Scripture: Daniel 7:1-8

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***Rev. and Sis. L.P. Carter - 2nd Pastor's Anniversary at Benevolent Grove Baptist Church, Needmore, Ala., will be Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Charles Collier, pastor of New Hope Holiness Church, Brundidge.

***A New Facility - The Mulberry Baptist Association is now planning for their Grand Entrance and Dedication Program for their new facility, The Mulberry Heights High School, Elba, administered by the Mulberry Baptist Association, which is under renovations. Hopefully, it will be completed by the next annual session of the association, which will be held in the first week of November.

Plans are to formulate souvenir booklets. For more information, contact Dr. J.G. Chatmon, moderator, P.O. Box 293, Troy, AL 36081 or call (334) 566-3050.

***Annual Pastor's Aid Day at Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance, Andalusia, will be Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. W.O. Edwards, pastor of Mount Zion MB Church in Brantley.

***Matron's Anniversary of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Troy, will be Oct. 1 at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of the Tarentum community and Rocky Head Baptist Church of Elba.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

Alice Freney

***Alice Freney - A Living Testimony

Mrs. Alice Freney presently serves as president of the Mulberry Baptist District Women's Convention. She is the wife of Rev. Elbert Freney, mother of eight children, the grandmother of 12, and she lives in Rose Hill, Alabama. Mrs. Freney is a member of the Mt. Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Calvin Fagan serves as pastor. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. Bama Tyson. Throughout her life, she has strived to live a Christian life and has become an inspiration not only to her family and church, but also to the Mulberry District and her community. Not

Gospel Singing planned at Mt Olive Baptist Church

A Sunday Night Singing is planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, October 1, at 6:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located in the Pine level Community with Bro. Bobby Driver as minister. Everyone is invited to attend.

Haw Hill Assembly of God to celebrate Homecoming October 8th

Haw Hill Assembly of God Church will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, Oct. 8. The guest speaker will be Rev. Lamar Chapman, and the guest singers will be the Ainsworth Family. Everyone is invited. Lunch will be served.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans Gospel Singing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church, 2287 Hwy. 114, Jack, Ala., will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. The featured group will be the "Victory Road Quartet" from Troy, Ala. Everyone is welcome.

Haw Hill Assembly of God to hold Revival Services October 1 - 6

Revival Services will be held at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church, Hwy. 125, from Sunday, Oct. 1, until Friday, Oct. 6. Services will begin at 7:15 p.m. each night. The evangelist for the revival will be Rev. Lamar Chapman. Everyone is invited.

STRETCH for better health

The American Cancer Society is asking women to STRETCH to better health. STRETCH is an exercise and support program for any woman who has had or has breast cancer, regardless of how long ago the diagnosis was made. Women must be at least eight weeks post surgery to participate and must have their physician's approval. STRETCH is a supplement to a woman's medical treatment but not a replacement for it. The STRETCH program will be held at Enterprise State Junior College from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 10 through Dec. 5. The instructor will be Dr. Joan Newman, chair of the Health and Physical Education division and Academic Dean. To register for this program, call the American Cancer Society at (334) 794-0600. Cancer information is available 24 hours a day seven days a week by calling (800) ACS-2345 or on the Internet at www.cancer.org.

Annual Fall Book Sale to be held at Enterprise Public Library

The friends of the Enterprise Public Library will hold its Annual Fall Book Sale on Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the main floor of the Enterprise Public Library. Work days to set up for the sale will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, prior to the sale, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If anyone is interested in lending a hand for set up or working during the sale, the help will be greatly appreciated. There is a sign up sheet at the Library. Anyone wanting to donate books that are in good condition for the sale can drop them off at the library during the regular business hours. There is expected to be a great selection of books to choose from this year.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday.
May God Richly Bless You.

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LIFESTYLES

Whatley-Eagerton wedding held August 5th in Dothan

Jeanna Shea Eagerton and Ansley Earle Whatley III were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at eleven o'clock in the evening at the Westgate Church of Christ, Dothan. Mr. James William Watkins Jr., minister, officiated the candlelight ceremony.

A program of music was presented by the couple and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Neal Eagerton, New Hope, and Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Earle Whatley Jr., Dothan.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A program of music was presented by the couple and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Neal Eagerton, New Hope, and Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Earle Whatley Jr., Dothan.

The bride wore a white, cathedral length gown with English net overlay designed by Christine Re-embodyed Alencon Lace and pearls decorated the bodice. Scroll soutache and brand outlined the empire bodice and Dupont Silk, pyramid shaped, beanie. The veil also cathedral length was designed by Christine and has matching Alencon Lace and brand. The bride carried a bouquet of beautifully arranged white Bridal Roses and Stephanotis.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Joy Elizabeth Singleton, Newville, Ala. Attendants were: Miss Candace Gayle Carter, Brundage, Ala.; Miss Catherine Mike Cooper, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Anna Rhea Galt, Prattville, Ala.; Miss Misty Summer Russell, Highland Home, Ala.; Mrs. Jay Patrick Shipman, Dothan, Ala.; Miss Mary Kathryn Teal, Arton, Ala.; Miss Laura Ellen Valera, Chlo, Ala.; and Miss Laurie Beth Wilson, Brundage, Ala. Junior attendants were: Miss Anna Marie Eagerton and Miss Kathryn Elizabeth Eagerton, Midlothian, Va.; and Flower girl was Miss Branham Olivia Skipper, Marianna, Fla. Honorary attendants were: Miss Dusti Elaine Ezell, Arton, Ala.; Mrs. Walter Lee McCurc, Arton, Ala.; Miss Jennifer Lynn Sanders, Brundage, Ala.; and Miss Melissa Kate Sanders, Brundage, Ala.

Mr. Ansley Earle Whatley Jr., father of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Mr. Forrest Lamar Adams II, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Samuel Tucker Adams, Gainesville, Fla.; Mr. Keith Allen Adkinson, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Michael Scott Bowers, Waco, Texas; Mr. Brett Howard Burdine, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Marcus Wayne Cannon, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Bradley Neal Eagerton, New Hope, Ala.; Mr. John Harris Pratt, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Jay Patrick Shipman, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. Bradley Butkin Smith, Dothan, Ala.; and Mr. Jeremy Jerald Vinson, Dothan, Ala. Junior groomsmen were Master Clayton Allen Allen, Eagerton, New Hope, Ala., and Master Jonathan Russell Eagerton, Midlothian, Va.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Dothan Country Club. The groom's parents entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner at the Dothan Country Club. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Birmingham, Ala.

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New Arrival

TODD BRANDON WATSON

Todd and Catherine Watson of Evergreen announce the birth of their son, Todd Brandon Watson Jr. He was born on Sept. 7, 2000 at 5:20 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Trussville, and Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Watson, Evergreen. Great-grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Watt, Elba, Mrs. Bonnie King, Birmingham, Mr. Curtis Jordan, Frisco City, and Mrs. Virginia Wiggins, also of Frisco City. Great great-grandmother is Mrs. Katie Summerlin of Monroeville.

Mr. Hurlburt & Miss Carnley

Carnley-Hurlburt wedding planned for Saturday, October 7th

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Bludworth and Rev. and Mrs. John L. Carnley, all from the Ino Community.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. John Anderson and Mrs. Alberta Anderson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hurlburt Sr., all from Mt. Dora in Central Florida.

Miss Carnley is a recent graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business and economics. Mr. Hurlburt is a 1999 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business and economics, as well. He is the manager of a ranch in Orlando, Florida, where the couple will reside following their marriage.

The wedding will be on October 7, 2000 at 4 p.m. in the Ino Baptist Church with the reception immediately following at the church. Family and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony and reception.

As manager/director of this program, English will supervise a small group of teachers employed by the Jackson County Board of Education to help students reach their academic potential through a school-based program of educational remediation, recreational activities and telecommunications and technology programs.

Farris Reunion to be held Sunday, October 8th

The descendants of Willis and Lottie Farris will have a family reunion at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 8. All friends and relatives of the families are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at Noon. Please bring a covered dish and join in this time of reunion.

Bowers Reunion planned for Saturday, October 7th

The family of Bonard N. Bowers invites everyone to the Bowers Family Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Brundidge Church of God Fellowship Hall. Covered dish lunch will be served at 12 Noon. Church location is Hwy. 231, South Bays in Brundage. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Anyone needing more information can call Rev. Ellis Hayward Bowers at 735-3285.

Bonnie DeVaughan is among the 579 students enrolled during the summer 2000 term at The University of Alabama to make the Dean's List of President's List based on academic records.

Arts council at TSU announces 2000-2001 season kickoff

The Troy Council on the Arts and Humanities and Troy State University are again joining forces to provide a full season of fine arts production of more than 20 events.

Tickets are on sale for the season schedule, which includes concerts, plays, dance revues and art exhibitions. Season subscriptions are \$75 each.

The council will hold its season kickoff event Saturday, Sept. 23 at Hunte's Mountain Clubhouse from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., featuring music by the "Fabulous Shades." The public is invited to attend, and light refreshments will be served. The clubhouse is located on Hunte's Mountain Parkway, off Highway 231 south of Jackson Chevrolet.

Don Crapps, president of the Troy Council on the Arts and Humanities, said the group wants to involve people from surrounding

counties who are interested in the fine arts.

"We are seeking to expand our area of service from Troy and Pike County to surrounding areas with programs that offer something for all," Crapps said. "Our kickoff celebration should set the tone for the year. We are excited about what is available through our collaborative efforts with Troy State University. Don't wait until someone tells you about the wonderful programs; come and see for yourself."

The season begins in October with the Troy State University Department of Speech and Theatre's production of "Lizard" Oct. 11-13 at the Adams Center Theatre for the Performing Arts. On Oct. 16, a traveling production of "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline," produced by the Springer Theatre, the official state theater of Georgia,



Mr. & Mrs. William N. Grantham to be honored on 60th Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of William N. (Coot) and Doris Lee Cook Grantham, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 2-4 p.m. at Moseley Studio in Elba.

Area students pledge sororities at AU

More than 850 young women pledged Auburn University sororities during the annual Sorority Rush held Aug. 15-20. Several local students were involved in the pledge process. They were: Katherine Vaughn of Elba, Alpha Gamma Delta; Emilee Benbow of Elba, Chi Omega; Lindsey Jared of Elba, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Kylie McCollough of Elba, Phi Beta Phi; and Tiffany Blough of New Brockton, Alpha Gamma Delta.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Lowayne Parks, the 16-year-old employee of Kelley's Packing House. He works in the packing department where he trays, packs and vacuums. Lowayne's parents are James and Lynn Parks. He is a junior at Elba High School and is a member of FFA, Spanish Club, and Sr. Beta.

Lowayne plans on attending Auburn to major in Agricultural Education.

"When I Grow Up..."

by Bethany Dye

On September 11, Debbie Franklin visited EHS to talk to some of the seniors about careers in health-related occupations.

Ms. Franklin is the Education Coordinator at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. She provided insight on the qualifications needed for certain jobs, the work involved, the rewards, advice on scholarships, and the great importance of health care services.

Ms. Franklin also answered many of the students' questions. Most importantly, Ms. Franklin helped to broaden the students' view of the multitude of different jobs available in the medical field. Ms. Franklin is just the first in a series of career spokespeople scheduled to come and address the seniors interested in various fields.

Daleville to host marching band contest

The Daleville High School "Pride of the South" Marching Band announces the upcoming Daleville Invitational Band Classic. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7. The 2000 Band Classic promises to be bigger than ever with approximately 25 high school marching bands from all over the tri-state area. There will be an abundance of food, fun and music for all ages. The festival will be held at the Daleville High School Football Stadium in Daleville.



Tiger Tales

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TIGER BRIEFS

PREDICTIONS OF THE GAME

by Chris Turner

Students at Elba High School were asked their predictions of the Elba vs. Flomaton game. The game will be played in Flomaton, where Elba hopes to pick up a win. The students seen confident in an Elba victory. These are their predictions: Derrick Thomas - Elba 16 Flomaton 6, Ben Dye - Elba 14 Flomaton 13, Brandon Petty - Elba 24 Flomaton 14, Colby Skinner - Elba 28 Flomaton 24, Mandrell Carpenter - Elba 21 Flomaton 7, Quintan Moultrie - Elba 8 Flomaton 7. Will the Tigers live up to these great expectations? We'll just have to wait and see.

Making It Count

by Hunter Branch

On September 6, an assembly was held at Elba High School. Ninth graders from Kinross, New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Elba met with a speaker from Making It Count, an organization that talks to high school students about how important good grades are. She discussed credit, test taking strategies, and the importance of getting a head start in high school and in life.

Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Heather Michelle Hudson
Parents: Tabitha and Chuck Hudson

Age: 17 years old

Grade: 12th Grade

Favorite Color: Bright Orange

Favorite Music: All

Clubs/Activities: St. Beta, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta

Interests/Hobbies: Four-wheeler riding and shopping

Personal Quote: Never give up.

Heather's favorite subject is chemistry because she likes the challenge. Her overall favorite thing about Elba High School is the learning. The classes that she wishes she could have taken are a psychology class and maybe a drama class. After graduation Heather wants to attend Troy and major in some area of science. Her most memorable moment at EHS is the prom of 2000 because she went with her favorite person, Ben Purvis.



Heather Michelle Hudson

Elba Elementary School Menu

Oct. 2 - 6, 2000

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Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Filet on Bun, Corn, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Sliced Peas, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk

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Senior Class of 2001 Picks Class Favorites

by Carmenda Coleman

On September 7, the Senior Class came together to vote on class favorites.

The categories were: Most Dependable - one you can always count on, Most Athletic - person who displays athletic ability and sportsmanship, Most School Spirit - one who shows great pride at all school events, Most Likely to Succeed - one who has high ambitions and is motivated to achieve their goals, Most Intellectual - one who has the ability to comprehend, reason, and think creatively, Best All Around - one who is friendly, dependable, etc., Most Talented - one who is creative and possesses many abilities, Friendliest - one who is always willing to help their neighbor, Best Dressed - one who knows fashion and considers it a

crime to wear white shoes before March, and Most Unpredictable - one who always surprises you by their actions and words.

Jerry Dubose and Amanda Beerenstrauch got Most Dependable. Brandon Salter and Roshanda McKinnon received Most Athletic. Job Bowers and Belinda Chism won Most School Spirit. Alan Head and Cammie Kelley got Most Likely to Succeed. Jeremy Sasser and Bethany Dye won Most Intellectual. Carson Waters and Carmenda Coleman received Best All Around. Most Talented went to Gunter Akridge and Leanne Malloy. Chris Sasser and Amy Kirkland got Friendliest. Jimbo Cook and Carey Holloway received Best Dressed, and Most Unpredictable went to Ross Adkinson and Oneida Davis.

These few seniors will be pictured in the 2001 Elbas in the class favorites section.

Torres: Don't Do Drugs

by Alan Head

On September 12, the students at Elba High School gathered in the auditorium for a special program about drug use.

Mr. Louis Torres was the guest speaker. He spoke of his life in the Bronx of New York City. He informed the audience of ways to overcome circumstances dealing with peer pressure towards drugs.

Torres used his life as an example. With stories of the streets and experiences with Teen Challenge (a program to help young teens), Mr. Torres' is speech was very inspirational.

So as a message from Mr. Torres,



Louis Torres

"Don't do drugs and be careful who your friends are."

SUPPORT EDUCATION & YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Get Your Motor Running with Mercedes

by Amy Kirkland

Recently, several students took a field trip to the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. Factory in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

The trip was sponsored by the Tech Prep Program at MacArthur State Technical College, and coordinated by Mr. Donald Lawford, technical Education Coordinator at Elba High School. Mrs. Donna Stokes, Tech Prep Specialist, and Mr. Lawford worked together to make the trip possible.

The purpose of the trip was to provide students with an opportunity to observe what occurs in a factory as they watched the production of M-Class, sports-utility vehicles. Students saw the many jobs available and watched vehicle production while touring the site.



EHS students take a tour of the Mercedes-Benz factory

Approximately 36 students (students grades 10-12 who participated on last year's Groundhog Day Shadowing Program) went on the trip. Many special guests also went to the plant, including school board members, school administrators, and city officials.

Mr. Lawford commented that, "The tour was very educational and the students were great." Thank you, Mr. Lawford and Mrs. Stokes, for providing this educational opportunity for Elba High School students.



Several students took a closer look at this car

College Tips For Seniors

by Katie Crowe

• Gather information on selected colleges and apply for admission.
• Apply for Financial Aid after January.

• ACT Test Dates: October 28, deadline Sept. 22; Dec. 9, deadline Nov. 3; Feb. 10, deadline Jan. 5; April 7, deadline March 2; June 9, deadline May 4.

• Keep up with deadlines on scholarships and apply early.

• Fill out and turn in Cash Scholarship Internet Application.

• Look for scholarship information to be posted on the "Counselor's Corner" bulletin board, in announcements by teachers from the absence sheets, in the school newspaper, and in handouts from Mrs. Weeks.

• Seniors can schedule one official visit to a college of your choice. The Counselor must make an appointment and official documentation must be brought back to Mr. Carney or Mrs. Weeks the following day. Parents are required to sign the permission slip.

• Stay on top of your grades.

• Class ranks, GPA, and scholarships depend on your performance.

• Minimum 28 credits to graduate, pass all required courses, pass Reading and Language of the graduation exam.

• Class rank and GPA finalize after 1st semester.

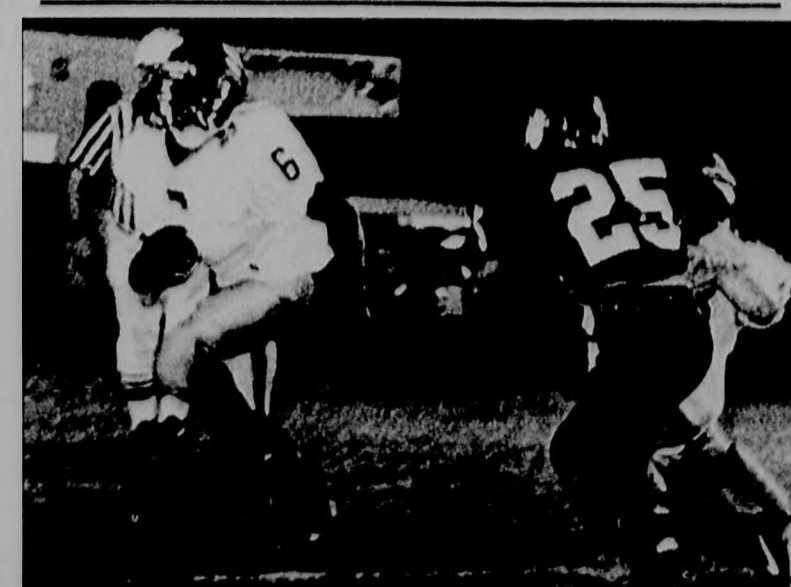
Elba Elementary News

Dear Parents and Students of EES,

We have great news of some exciting events coming up. Benton's Restaurant has agreed to hold EES Student Night every Monday during the month of October beginning October 2nd. On Student Night, Benton's will give 20 percent of all money earned from orders placed by Elba Elementary School families back to the school. On Monday, October 2nd, our school will give each student a ticket indicating that they are a student at Elba Elementary. Additional tickets will be kept in the office after that first Monday and will be distributed upon request to replace used or lost tickets. These tickets must be given to the cashiers at Benton's when orders are placed in order for EES to get the 20 percent. The money earned by the elementary school will be used to support our Accelerated Reader program.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to eat a great meal and support our Accelerated Reader program at the same time. Encourage your friends and their families from our school to eat at Benton's on Monday nights so that you all can eat together. We hope to see you all there beginning October 2nd.

Thank you for supporting Elba Elementary,
EES Staff



STEP OF SUCCESS... Follow the Elba Tigers as they take their next step towards victory Friday night in Flomaton against the Hurricanes. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it!!

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Rebel Band News

ZC Has Beginner Band

To learn fundamentals of playing a musical instrument is the objective for the sixth grade members of the beginner band class.

This beginner band includes two clarinets, three alto saxophones, five trumpets, two trombones and three snare drums. Through daily practice on their instruments and work in their textbook, Essential Elements, students are learning note and rest values, time and key signatures, and how to make a characteristic sound.

Not all the students in the class had to purchase a horn. They were able to take part in a "Rent-to-Own" plan from Capital Music in Montgomery.

Mr. Michael Bird, band director, said that selection of beginner band members for the next year has been good. Last year he had twenty beginners and fifteen of them returned for the marching band. This year he has fifteen and he hopes that he will be able to keep at least twelve.

Coffee County Schools Menu For Oct. 2 - 6, 2000

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Tuesday - Ham & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Beef/Cheddar Nachos, Sausage Pizza, Garden Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Donut w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Baked Ham, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Turnips, Candied Yams, Baked Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Fried Chicken, Cornbreads, Creamed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fish Sandwich, Steak Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Later Tots, Fruit, Milk

Alabama High School Graduation Exam Required

The Class of 1985 was the first graduating class that had to take, and pass, the first Edition of the Alabama High School Graduation Examination before a high school diploma would be awarded.

The Alabama Graduation Examination Program grew out of a mandate of the State Board of Education to set a goal that all Alabama students should have the opportunity to learn minimum competencies.

The class of 1993 was the first graduating class to have to pass the Second Edition of the examination and the Class of 2000 was the last. This year's class, the Class of 2001 will have to take a pass two sections of the Third Edition before they will be awarded a diploma. With each new edition, the content of the exam was changed to reflect the increased course requirements for graduation.

The general content of the Third Edition includes reading comprehension, language, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Based on Zion Chapel's facilities, 50 students can be served at one time. Students in the area who have the proper identification and ACT admission tickets can take the test at Zion Chapel. The test site is open to all students in the area, not just Zion Chapel students.

The test will be given in either the auditorium or a classroom depending upon the number of students registered to take the ACT. Students in the area who have been testing at Enterprise State Junior College can now come to Zion

people who must pass all or parts of the test to receive a high school diploma.

The Class of 2002, this year's eleventh graders, also took the test last spring. However, this class had to take Reading, Language, Mathematics, and Science. Ninety-two percent passed Reading; eighty-one

percent passed Language; sixty-nine percent passed Mathematics; and, eighty-one percent passed Science. For Zion Chapel this means that only eight people will have to take the Math test again, five will take the Science test, two will take the Reading test, and five will take the Language test. The Social Studies section of the test was not required for this class. However, these people did take the Social Studies part of the test. The cut scores that determine passing or failing have not yet been established. The members of the Class of 2003 will have to pass the Social Studies test.

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ZC High School Designated ACT Test Site

After becoming guidance counselor at Zion Chapel, Mrs. Cara Knighten realized that there was not an ACT test site within a 25-mile radius. She then submitted a written request to ACT to establish Zion Chapel High School as a test site center and since she was already approved as a test administrator, it was easy to get approval. Mrs. Knighten has been an ACT Test Administrator since 1992.

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Pictured above are (l-r): Keely Sikes, Kristin Johns, and Kimberly Jordan.

Chapel for the test. Open test dates for Zion Chapel High School are October 28, 2000; December 9, 2000; and February 10, 2001. The Test Center Code is 207740. The state average score on the

Zion Chapel Set To Get New Computer Lab

Moving out of a building occupied since the fall of 1984 is not easy for a teacher who is a "pack rat." However, the "move out" was accomplished.

Zion Chapel's computer lab was housed in a building that originally was built to be the library at Goodman Junior High School. Goodman closed when the building was just 1-year-old. The building was then moved to Zion Chapel and became a classroom. During those early years, the classroom was not a

computer room but a typing room. The typing room had ten electric machines at that time, the rest were manual typewriters. Gradually over the years, the manuals were changed to electronic typewriters. When the building became a computer lab, those ten electric machines were still there. The rest of the machines in the room were electronic Swintees. When the computer lab was dismantled and moved to temporary quarters, one of those electric typewriters was

still there to be moved. It could be said that "they took a licking but they kept on ticking."

Temporary quarters for the computer lab are in the high school building across from the main office. These quarters are small, but it has been determined that all will survive because the light at the end of the tunnel is focused on a new building and this time the building includes a bathroom for both men and women!

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* ESJC NEWS *

Get College Credit for Watching Television

For a number of years now students have been gaining college credit while watching television through Enterprise State Junior College's telecourse offerings. Lectures are aired on the Alabama Public Television station. Students attend several on-campus meetings and take exams.

Two telecourses which will be offered soon in the Second Semester are Psychology and United States History II. The lectures will

be aired October 18-November 29, two days per week for one hour per day, with a total of 13 sessions. Students may enroll in either of these courses through October 15.

For details of meeting times, air dates, and further information about these courses, interested persons should contact Dr. Jack Oden at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 240. For information about admission to the College or how to register for classes, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

imprinted with this year's slogan "Discover the Future." The fruit sale was set to begin on September 28 and will last for approximately two weeks. The sale is set for this time of year so that the fruit will arrive late December/January in time for the Christmas Holidays!

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have never really liked to read, but my girls haven't been given the choice so far this school year, as both have been busy reading a book just about every night. Melissa is taking a course at the high school that involves reading some of the "classics," while Melanie is involved in a reading program at the elementary school and seems to always have a book with her. I know that reading is good for everyone, because as a parent it means that when the girls are reading they can't argue, and it means peace and quiet for Mom and Dad.

ELBA TIGERS LOSE AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME ONLY ON SCOREBOARD

The Elba Tigers may have come up short 21-7 on the scoreboard Friday night against the Opp Bobcats, but the Tigers took everything the Bobcats threw at them and never backed up for all four quarters. The Tigers may have lost, but they certainly weren't losers, and after four weeks it looks like the players are finally developing an attitude and are assuming a personality. The personality is one of a team that is willing to fight on every play and never give up, and if that is the case, the Tigers will put an end to this losing streak pretty soon!

The Elba offense lost a fumble that led to an Opp touchdown and had a pass interception that also eventually resulted in an Opp score. However, take away those two mistakes and the Tigers battled the Bobcats on even terms all across the field. The Tigers had a 10 play drive that covered 53 yards, a 25-yard drive that resulted in an Elba touchdown, a 9 play drive that ended the first half, a 12 play drive that covered 42 yards, and a 10 play drive that covered 36 yards. Elba's offensive line more than held its own with the bigger Bobcat defense, as was evident by the fact that the Tigers converted on a 4 of 4 fourth down plays. The line was blocking hard, many times followed its defenders all the way to the sidelines, and the backs ran hard and never backed down. The Elba offense only scored seven points, but it took a giant step forward in many areas.

The Elba defense was once again hurt by the big play, as two of Opp's scores were on runs of 41 and 23 yards, but the Tigers held the Bobcats to only seven first downs and 142 yards in total offense, and once again were aggressive on every snap. Elba had seven tackles for losses, made a big fourth down stop in the fourth quarter, and passed some licks. The Tigers have to gamble at times on defense, but they are beginning to become more solid as some players that were hurt return to the line-up, and despite allowing over 23 points per game, have a pretty good defensive unit.

I know that the Elba Tigers are 0-4 and that every team on their schedule is looking forward to playing them. However, the Tigers have grown up in recent weeks and are much better than many people realize. One Friday night real soon the Tigers will put it all together, and the result won't be an upset win, it will be a real whipping!

ONLY KINSTON MANAGES A WIN IN WEEK #4 AREA HIGH SCHOOL ACTION

The fourth week of the high school football season wasn't the best for area teams, as only the Kinston Bulldogs were able to post a win. Here's a quick look back at last week's results:

*** KINSTON (2-2) used a ball control offense to hammer the Florala Wildcats 27-0, and improve their record to 2-0 in Class 1A, Region 2 action. The Bulldogs simply lined up and ran over the smaller Wildcat defenders, and paid Florala back for the lopsided losses in years past. Kinston has now won two straight games and has its fans looking on the calendar to see just when the playoffs start. Hey, the Bulldogs still have some work ahead before they make the playoffs, but they are headed in the right direction.

*** ZION CHAPEL (2-2) was part of the most predictable upset I have seen in years. The Rebels were coming off a big win over Pleasant Home, while Arton was 0-3 and coming off a loss to Kinston. The Rebels and their fans knew if Kinston could beat the Purple Cats, surely the Rebels would roll. Wrong! Zion Chapel found itself in a battle with a team hungry for a win, and simply didn't have the edge it thought, as the "Cats pulled the upset. The Rebels are getting into the meat of their schedule now, and if they can remember that painful lesson from last week, maybe they can regroup and still make some noise.

*** NEW BROCKTON (0-4) played well enough to win on defense for the second straight week, but failed to get on the scoreboard, and remained winless with a 21-0 loss to Cottonwood. The Gamecocks' offense does move the chains at times and keeps the clock running with all of its running plays, and while it does help keep the defense off the field, it really does very little else productive. I understand that the Gamecocks have to keep the score close if it is to have a chance at winning. However, now that the defense is beginning to grow up, maybe it's time for the offense to make some changes and see what happens. Hey, a loss is a loss, now, and if they can remember that painful lesson from last week, maybe they can regroup and still make some noise.

*** BRANTLEY (2-2) gave two-time defending state 2A champ Southern Choctaw all it could handle Saturday night before losing 29-7, in a game which was much closer than the score might make one think. The Bulldogs made mistakes on offense that kept them from scoring a couple of more touchdowns, and had two major breakdowns in the kicking game that resulted in 14 points for the Indians. Brantley has a good team and will win its share of games, but it isn't good enough to win when it makes the mistakes it made Saturday night. Look for the Bulldogs to go back to the drawing board over the next several weeks and be at full speed when the playoffs begin.

TELL'EM YOU READ IT IN... THE PRESSBOX

I'd like to take this time to THANK all the people of District 5 that voted for me during the Primary Election for Elba City Council.

My loss was very disappointing. I thought I had proven to the citizens of Elba that I am a hard worker and a very honest citizen with the right morals, being married and knowing the value of family life.

I think I would have been a benefit for the citizens of Elba. I say this because two of the things that were on my political ad have already been passed by the city council within recent weeks.

My wish and hope is that the Lord continues to place on the mind's of the Elba City Government the needs for the citizens of Elba and not try to fulfill a personal ego.

Sincerely,
Buffy Tillis Jr.

Pol. Adv. by Buffy Tillis Jr., 1855 Hickman Ave., Elba, AL 36323



QUICK KICKS...

*** The St. Clair County High School football player that collapsed on the field Friday night apparently died of heart failure. The St. Clair County coroner announced Saturday that an autopsy showed no injuries to the neck, head or spine, and said it appeared that the cause of death was unrelated to football. Jeremy Ragsdale, age 16, collapsed on the opening kickoff of a game played in Springville, and videos of the game revealed that Ragsdale didn't collide with anyone on the play. He apparently tried to make a tackle, got up later in the play and then headed toward the sidelines. He collapsed while heading to the sidelines and never got up. The game was delayed 30 minutes while medical personnel worked on the player, and was stopped at halftime when the news of the death reached the stadium.

*** Arkansas deserves a lot of credit for its late touchdown in the Razorbacks' win over Alabama Saturday night, but the defensive holding penalty that kept Arkansas alive on its game winning drive was nothing but a case of home cooking. I wasn't there and know that the television replay wasn't clear, but I will bet ya that if the game had been in Tuscaloosa the call never would have been made. It was a case of an official making a call which he knew would not draw the ire of the crowd, and one that should not have been made. In my opinion, the quality of officiating at the college level has gotten worse and worse, and before long some coaches will speak out and make something will happen. The coaches will get fined, no doubt, but if enough coaches speak their minds, somebody will have to listen.

*** Troy State released its 2001 football schedule last week, and the schedule for next season includes road games at Nebraska, Maryland, Miami and Mississippi State. The Trojans will cash in a \$475,000 check for the Nebraska game, and dropped a game with Ole Miss to challenge the Cornhuskers. The folks up at Troy have high hopes and even higher expectations for the future of their football program, but I have my doubts that the Trojans will ever be able to compete with the Nebraska and Miamis of the world, especially when they get to the Division I level and the Trojans can no longer depend on transfers from other Division I schools. One thing will be easy to predict: Troy State will play a handful of home games each year, and they will get clobbered at least a few times each season for many years to come.

*** Over 100 youth are taking part in the Elba Soccer League being sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, and by the looks of things everybody is having fun and having a great time. The lowest game in town. The recreation department doesn't have fields for the soccer teams this season, but does have plans to get the league a home of its own, and I am convinced that soccer will only get bigger and bigger in years to come. If anyone knows much about the sport, please call the Rec Department and volunteer your time. With your help, soccer will be here to stay and give the youth in Elba another sport to enjoy.

*** An assistant coach at Walker High School has been suspended for five weeks for kicking a player. Grady McCluskey, the offensive coordinator at Walker, allegedly kicked a player in the back at practice, and after looking into the matter, the Walker Board of Education suspended the coach and required that he take anger management classes. When the suspension is over, the coach is forbidden from having any contact with the players, and must coach from a distance.

*** Coaches and players from Troy State will be in town the next two Sunday afternoons to help teach the sport of fast-pitch softball to area girls. The cost of the clinics is only \$5 per day, and that is a very small cost for the quality of teaching that will take place. I urge all parents of girls that like to play softball to have their children at this clinic.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office Sunday afternoon to leave his picks for week #5 and made a college prediction that Mike Dubose would remain the head coach at Alabama, while much of his staff would hit the road at season's end. He said that cleaning out the assistant coaches is often the last straw before the head coach is shown the way out.

Elba travels to Flomaton

Region battles highlight area games in week #5

The high school football regular season will reach its halfway mark this week all across the state, and for the teams in the area, week #5 will bring with it key region contests as the teams try to move up in the region standings and make a run for a spot in the playoffs. Following is a preview of games involving teams from the area:

ELBA (0-4) AT FLOMATON (3-1)

The Elba Tigers will be looking to put an end to a season-long losing streak and even their Class 3A, Region 1 record at 1-1 Friday night when they make the long trip to Flomaton to battle the Flomaton Hurricanes.

The Tigers will bring an 0-4 record into the contest after losses to Straughn 27-7, Samson 19-14, Laverne 26-23 and Opp 21-7, while the Hurricanes will enter the game with a 3-1 mark after posting wins over J.U. Blacksher 38-0, Excel 21-6 and Gulf Shores 26-0, and losing to Laverne 35-28.

"Flomaton has got a very good football team," said Elba's Coach Julius Head, "and it will take our best effort to bring home a win. They have a big offensive line and some quality running backs, and have had a lot of success scoring points on every team they have played. They have averaged almost 30 points a game, and scored three touchdowns against a very good Excel team, and then last week scored four touchdowns in their loss to Laverne. Over on defense they had allowed only one touchdown in their first three games, but saw Laverne put thirty-five points on the scoreboard. You can bet that after losing last week and falling to 1-1 in the region, they will be ready when we come to town Friday night."

"We have improved in most areas over the past three weeks and are close to having a pretty good high school football team," added Coach Head. "We are still a little limited in what we can do on both sides of the ball, but our players have stepped up in recent weeks and last week went toe-to-toe with Opp and never backed down. If we can have that

and stated that is definitely the case at Bama. He also reported that last week he hit on 24 of 28 picks and has now hit on 99 and missed 24 picks for the season. Last week he did come through on such toss-ups as Smiths Station over Enterprise, Bibb County over Andalusia and Laverne over Flomaton, and it looks like the local guesspist is off to one of his best starts ever.

ELBA VS. FLOMATON

The Elba Tigers are hoping that all the talk about the Hurricanes is nothing more than hot air, much like last week's tropical storm that missed Tigertown entirely. There is no doubt the Hurricanes will be ready, and will have a huge homefield advantage over the Tigers. However, Elba could sneak up on Flomaton and the guess here is that the Tigers will leave town with the upset win.

ELBA 22 FLOMATON 21

NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks are improving each and every week, the only problem is that the other teams on their schedule are simply very good high school football teams filled with experienced players. The Gamecocks and their fans need to remember the last two games, because this one won't be that close.

GENEVA COUNTY 46 NEW BROCKTON 8

ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG

Zion Chapel got caught reading its own headlines last week and lost an important region game to Arton, while G.W. Long bounced back from its loss to Brantley and pounded Pleasant Home. Two straight region losses will make it hard for the Rebels from north Coffee County, but that will be the case, because G.W. Long is simply the better team.

G.W. LONG 34 ZION CHAPEL 6

BRANTLEY VS. KINSTON

Let's see... both of these teams are in Class 1A, Region 2; they both have 2-2 records and both have Bulldogs for their mascots. I am afraid that the similarities end there; however, because the Bulldogs from up in Crenshaw County are much more experienced and much meaner than this new breed from Coffee County.

BRANTLEY 31 KINSTON 0

OTHER PICKS:

Central, PC 17 Dothan 15
Eufaula 24 Northview 13
Enterprise 21 Auburn 14
Charles Henderson 45 Monroe County 12
Carroll 34 Southside 13
Rehobeth 14 Abbeville 8
Daleville 14 Headland 3
Pike County 50 Barbour County 6
Straughn 20 Georgiana 15
Houston Academy 17 Wickburg 14
Geneva 21 Dale County 17
Opp 27 Thomasville 13
Houston County 31 Cottonwood 7
Goshen 29 Red Level 6
Samson 34 Sloccomb 18
UMS-Wright 17 Andalusia 8
Arton 22 Florala 0
Opelika 28 Smiths Station 7
Stanhope Elmore 20 Greenville 6
T.R. Miller 24 Hillcrest 6
Wetumpka 27 Elmore County 0
Clarke County 28 Jackson 7
W.S. Neal 27 Gulf Shores 0
Highland Home 45 St. Jude 18

G.W. LONG (3-1) AT ZION CHAPEL (2-2)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will try to rebound from an upset loss and keep their state playoff hopes alive this week when they host the G.W. Long Rebels. Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium, in Zion Chapel, Zion Chapel will enter the game with a 2-2 record, 1-1 in Class 1A, Region 2, after posting wins over New Brockton 34-14 and Pleasant Home 32-8, and losing to Houston County 40-6 and Arton 13-6. G.W. Long will bring a 3-1 slate, 1-1 in region action, into the game, having lost to Brantley 23-20, while posting lopsided wins over New Brockton 44-0, Barbour County 64-25 and Pleasant Home 55-8.

Zion Chapel saw its region fortunes take a tumble last week with an upset loss to Arton, and needs a win this week to stay in the top half of the region standings. The Rebels struggled on offense in the loss, and will have to pick things up to stay close to the high-scoring visitors from Skipperville. G.W. Long is determined that its loss to Brantley two weeks ago will be its last, and the Rebels from Skipperville appear to be talented enough to keep alive their dreams of a rematch with the Bulldogs. G.W. Long has speed in the backfield and power in the line, which makes its offense one that can score from anywhere, at any time.

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SPORTS

Big plays doom Elba Tigers in 21-7 loss to Opp Bobcats

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers battled the highly-favored Opp Bobcats on even terms throughout the game Friday night, but watched as the Bobcats turned three big plays into three touchdowns, and saw the gallant effort fall short as the Tigers came out on the short-end of the 21-7 decision.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-4, while Opp evened its record at 2-2 with the win.

The Bobcats opened the game with a bang when Richard Justice returned the opening kickoff 50 yards to the Elba 48-yardline, but the celebration on the Opp sideline didn't last long, as on the Bobcats' second play from scrimmage the Tigers' Michael Sams pounced on an Opp fumble to kill the early threat.

Elba returned the favor on its very first play with a fumble at the Tiger 43-yardline, and one play later the Bobcats were in the end-zone. The touchdown came on a 42-yard scamper by Richard Justice, and even though the extra-point try was short, Opp was on top 6-0 with 10:21 remaining in the first quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 34-yardline midway through the quarter after an exchange of punts, and behind the running of Michael Sams and Brandon Petty moved quickly downfield to a first down at the Opp 15. Sams gained 33 yards on four carries to spark the Tiger drive, but the Tigers saw the scoring threat stall, and then end, when on third down a Petty pass was intercepted.

The Tigers got new life when Jason Curran recovered a Bobcat fumble on the interception return, and this time Elba reached paydirt as the Tigers covered the 25 yards to the endzone in only four plays!

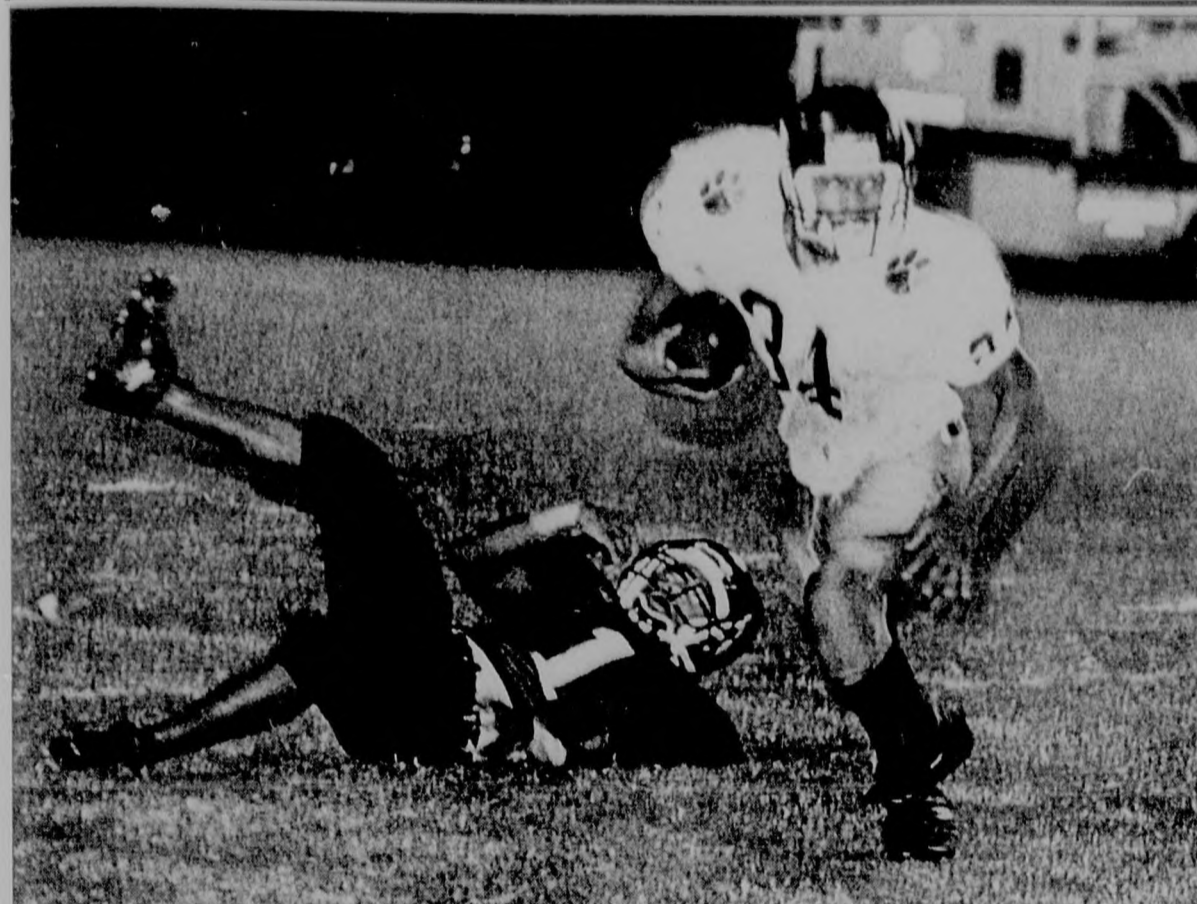
An 11-yard run by Michael Sams quickly moved the Tiger to the Opp 14, while the touchdown came on third down and 15 when Brandon Salter took a handoff from Petty, pulled up and lofted a 19-yard scoring pass to Kirby Gray. Chris Turner kicked the extra point, and with 11:53 left in the second quarter Elba had the lead 7-6.

Elba was forced to punt on its next offensive series, and the Bobcats got their second big break of the half when on the return Opp's Brandy Bell fielded the punt at the Opp 37, broke away from an Elba defender thanks to an obvious clip, and raced 53 yards to the Elba 10-yardline.

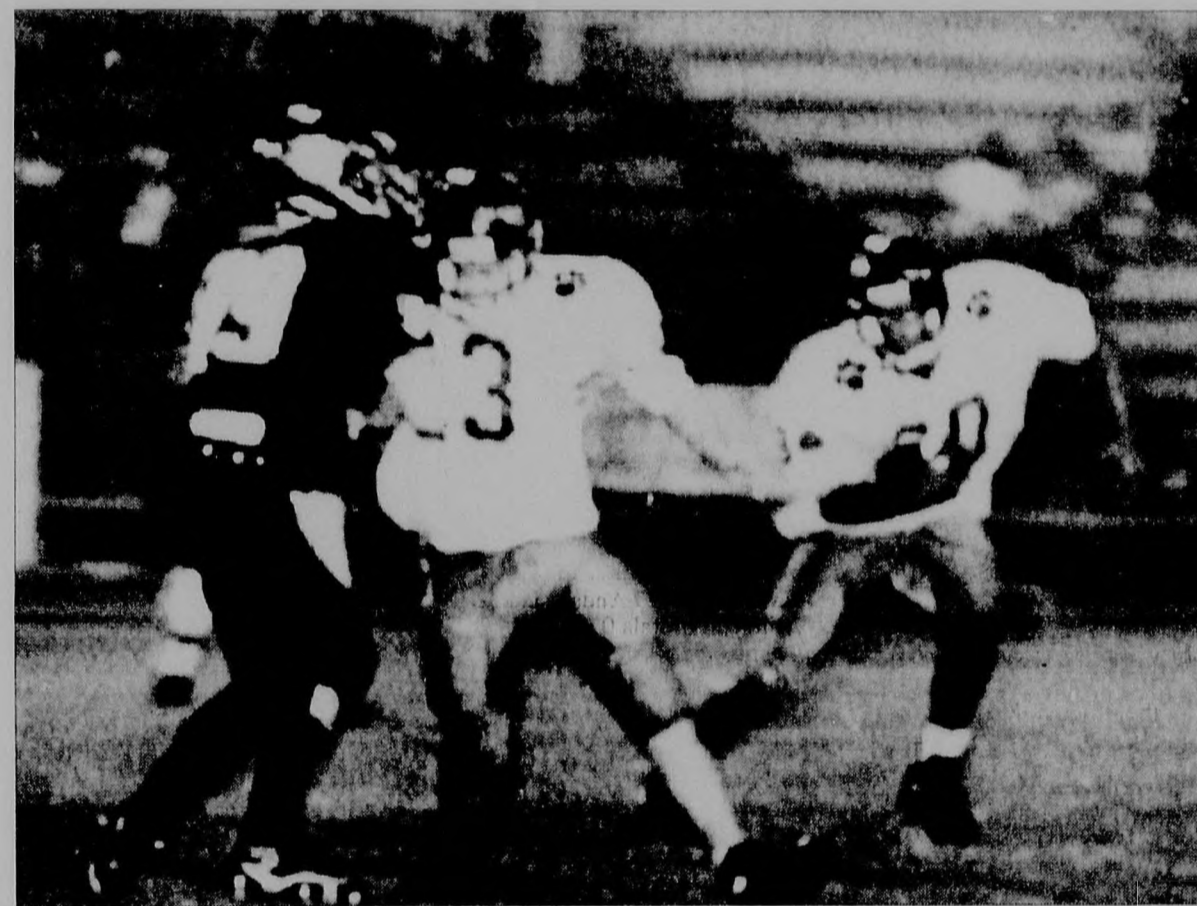
A pass interference penalty against Elba on third down and nine gave Opp a first down at the Elba 4-yardline, and the Bobcats regained the lead on the next play as Richard Justice got the call and bulldozed over for the touchdown. Justice also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 5:48 left in the half Opp was back on top 14-7.

Elba received the second half kickoff and used the running of Josh Moultry and the passing arm of Brandon Petty to drive 38 yards to a first down at the Opp 31-yardline. Moultry gained nine yards on three carries to get the drive off to a fast start, while Petty passed twice to Marcus Henderson for gains of 19 and 8 yards.

The potential Tiger scoring march turned into the Bobcats' third big play of the night, however, as on third down at the Opp 27, a Petty pass was picked off and returned 43 yards to the Elba 33-yardline. Opp's Kenny Heard



Elba's Michael Sams (34) looks for room to run after avoiding an Opp defender. Sams gained 77 yards on 16 carries Friday night in the Tigers' 21-7 loss to Opp. The Tigers will travel to Flomaton this week for a region clash with the Flomaton Hurricanes.



Elba running back Josh Moultry (30) cuts outside the block of Brandon Salter (13) and looks for running room against the Opp defense. The Tigers will be looking to even their region record at 1-1 this week when they head to Flomaton to tangle with the Flomaton Hurricanes.

Improve record to 6-4

Lady Tigers win five of six volleyball matches

The Elba Lady Tigers had a busy week of action on the volleyball court last week and claimed five wins in six matches to improve their record for the season to 6 wins and 4 losses.

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action at home on Monday against Laverne and swept past their opponents 15-8, 15-11 and 13-15, 15-11 and 15-5. Brittany Daniels recorded 5 service points in the opening win, while Danae Ware and Latoya Tyson both had 4 service points. Melissa Mularz led Elba in the second win with 9 service points, followed by Brittany Daniels, Samantha Williams and Danae Ware, with 7 service points, apiece.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Opp on Tuesday and split two matches with the Lady Bobcats. Opp won the first match 15-7 and 15-9, while Elba rallied to win the second match 0-15, 18-16 and 15-12. Samantha Williams led the Lady Tigers in the opening match with 7 service points, followed by Melissa Mularz with 5. Heather Hays recorded 16 service points to lead Elba to the sweep, followed by Jessica Sowell with 9, Christina Stokes with 7 and Jessica Knighton with 6.

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A Tiger defender drags down the Opp quarterback for a loss in last week's clash with the Bobcats. The Tigers fell to Opp 21-7 to see their record slip to 0-4 on the season.



Elba defensive tackle Michael Reed (55) drags down a Bobcat ball carrier as Brandon Petty (7) closes in. Reed led the Tigers with 5 tackles in the loss to Opp.

turned the corner and raced 23 yards two plays later for a Bobcat touchdown, and Brad Hall added the extra-point, as Opp upped its lead to 21-7 with 3:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Elba used the hard running of Michael Sams to drive into Opp territory on its ensuing possession. Michael Reed with 5 tackles and 2 assists, while Brandon Petty had 4 stops and 1 assist and Michael Sams had 4 stops and a fumble recovery.

The Opp offense was sparked by Richard Justice with 113 yards on 17 carries.

STATISTICS

E	O
13	1st Downs 7
110	Rushing Yds. 142
60	Passing Yds. 0
170	Total Offense 142
743-3	Passes 0-2-0
3/1	Fumbles/Lost 2/2
4-34	Punts-Ave. 2-32
45	Penalty Yds. 105

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SPORTS

Bulldogs see record slip to 2-2

Second quarter breakdowns prove fatal to Brantley in 27-9 loss to Southern Choctaw

By Ricky Mulder, Sports Editor



Brantley Bulldog Mike Mitchell (7) makes a jarring tackle on an Indian runner. This hard stop caused a fumble that the Bulldogs recovered that put an end to a Southern Choctaw drive.

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted the two-time defending 2A state champion Southern Choctaw Indians Saturday night in front of a big crowd in Brantley, and it was the Bulldogs and their fans that left the field wondering "what if" after Southern Choctaw took advantage of two major breakdowns in the Brantley kicking game to escape with a hard fought 27-9 win.

The loss left the Bulldogs with a 2-2 record, while Southern Choctaw improved its slate to 4-0 with the win.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and showed the Indians that they were in for a fight as the Bulldogs wasted little time driving down the field to grab an early lead. A 15-yard scamper by Andy Johnson got the drive off to a fast start, while a big 48-yard gain on a screen pass from Johnson to Gregory Daniels moved the Bulldogs to the Southern Choctaw 11-yardline.

The big gain on the screen pass was backed up by a clipping penalty that moved the ball back to the Indian 43-yardline, but the Bulldogs were far from done, and behind the running of Tyrell Knighten and Darrell Owens moved to a first down inside the Choctaw 10-yardline. The drive stalled after a short gain and an incomplete pass; however, Brantley had to settle for a 3-0 lead when Gregory Daniels booted a 23-yard field-goal with 5:00 remaining in the opening quarter.

Southern Choctaw received the ensuing kick and immediately showed off the running of Marcus Lewis as the Indians marched 80 yards in six plays to grab the lead. Lewis, a 5'8", 176-pound, speedster, got the call on all six plays, and scored the touchdown on a 32-yard sprint up the middle. The extra-point try was wide, but with 2:57 left in the first quarter Southern Choctaw was on top 6-3.

The sudden Indian score had little effect on the Bulldogs; however, as Brantley took the ensuing kick and marched 75 yards in eight plays to regain the lead.

An 11-yard scamper by Darrell Owens and a 19-yard pass from Andy Johnson to Gregory Daniels were big plays early in the second march, while a 34-yard run by Owens left the Bulldogs with a first and goal at the Southern Choctaw 1-yardline. Andy Johnson sneaked over one play later for the touchdown, and while the extra-point try sailed wide, Brantley was back on top 9-6 with 10:27 remaining in the first quarter.

The loss left the Rebels with a 2-2 record, 1-1 in region play, while the Purple Cats improved to 1-3 with the win, 1-1 in region competition.

Anton got on the scoreboard first when Chris Logan tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Matt Grantham. The extra-point try was true, and the Purple Cats were on top early 7-0.

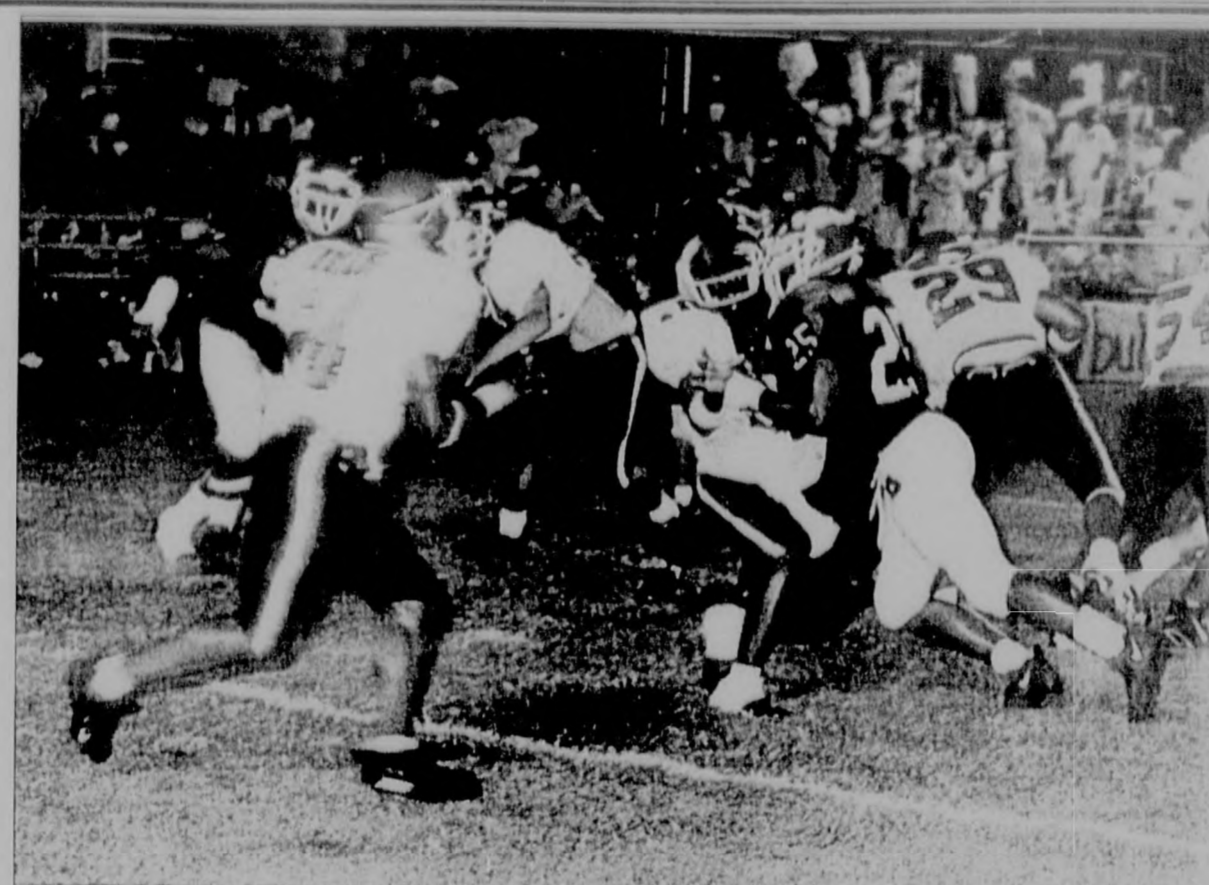
Zion Chapel bounced right back and also found the endzone in the first quarter when Josh McHaffey broke loose and scampered 14 yards for a Rebel touchdown. The extra-point try failed; however, the Rebels were still down 7-6.

The two defenses ruled the action on the wet Purple Cat field until the fourth quarter, when Anton extended its lead to 13-6 on an 8-yard halfback pass from Justin Sean to Matt Grantham. The extra-point try failed, but Anton had the lead, and held on to upset the Rebels 13-6.

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Brantley's Tyrell Knighten (25) applies the crunch to the Southern Choctaw quarterback just as he pitches the ball back to a running back. The Bulldogs saw their record slip to 2-2 last week with the loss to the Indians, but will be looking to go 2-0 in region play Friday night when they travel to Kinston to challenge the Kinston Bulldogs.

The Indians got yet another break when holder Benard McGrew pulled up the ball after the Indian kicker whiffed on the field-goal try, and scrambled through the Brantley defense for a touchdown. Marcus Lewis ran in for the two-point conversion, and after a wild ending to the second quarter, Southern Choctaw went in at the half with a 20-9 advantage.

Brantley's Mike Mitchell recovered an Indian fumble at the Bulldog 35-yardline early in the third quarter to turn back a Southern Choctaw scoring threat, and the Bulldog offense showed it was still very much alive as it marched to a first down at the Indian 23-yardline. Darrell Owens gained 14 yards on four carries to lead the drive on the ground, while a key play in the drive was a 26-yard pass completion from Andy Johnson to Gregory Daniels. Two running plays and an incomplete pass left Brantley facing a fourth down and 15; however, the Bulldogs came away empty-handed when on fourth down a Johnson pass failed to find its target.

A fumble recovery by Brantley's Darrell Owens stopped an Indian drive at the Bulldog 39-yardline late in the third quarter, while another fumble recovery by Owens midway through the fourth quarter stopped an Indian drive at the Brantley 44.

Brantley moved to a first down at the Southern Choctaw 23-yardline late in the game as Andy Johnson connected with Jimmy Mitchell for

STATISTICS

B	S
16	1st Downs
178	Rushing Yds.
107	Passing Yds.
285	Total Offense
7-16-1	Passes
4/2	Fumbles/Lost
2-29	Punts-Ave.
57	Penalty Yds.

Region record slips to 1-1

Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed in Ariton 13-6

By Randy Winters, Sports Editor

The Zion Chapel Rebels made the short trip over to Ariton Friday night to tangle with the Ariton Purple Cats, but found the trip back home to be much longer, as the Rebels were upset by the Purple Cats 13-6, in a key Class 1A, Region 2 contest.

The loss left the Rebels with a 2-2 record, 1-1 in region play, while the Purple Cats improved to 1-3 with the win, 1-1 in region competition.

Ariton got on the scoreboard first when Chris Logan tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Matt Grantham. The extra-point try was true, and the Purple Cats were on top early 7-0.

Zion Chapel bounced right back and also found the endzone in the first quarter when Josh McHaffey broke loose and scampered 14 yards for a Rebel touchdown. The extra-point try failed; however, the Rebels were still down 7-6.

The two defenses ruled the action on the wet Purple Cat field until the fourth quarter, when Anton extended its lead to 13-6 on an 8-yard halfback pass from Justin Sean to Matt Grantham. The extra-point try failed, but Anton had the lead, and held on to upset the Rebels 13-6.

STATISTICS

ZC	A
8	1st Downs
38-115	Rushing Yds.
58	Passing Yds.
168	Total Offense
5-13-1	Passes
4-26	Punts-Ave.
1/1	Fumbles/Lost
4-35	Penalties-Yds.



The Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders had plenty to smile about before Friday night's region clash with the Ariton Purple Cats, but had a change in expression as the Rebels were upset by the Purple Cats 13-6.

WEEK #4 HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD			
Following are area scores from week #4 of the high school football season:			
Daleville 28	Rehobeth 0	Hillcrest 20	Charles Henderson 18
Dothan 20	Cairo 13	Houston Ac. 13	Sanson 12
G.W. Long 55	Pleasant Home 8	R.E. Lee 31	Selma 0
Alabama Ch. 28	Montgomery Ac. 0	Geneva 28	Bullock County 6
Mapleville 35	Thorsby 7	Geneva County 46	Slocumb 6
Bibb County 24	Andalusia 17	Pike County 20	Dadeville 7
Catholic 24	Barbour County 0	Georgiana 29	Red Level 8
Prattville 28	Jeff Davis 7		

SPORTS

Up region record to 2-0

Kinston clobbers 'Cats 27-0

Statistics and Photos by Ferrin Cox, Publisher



These future Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders were all smiles as the Bulldogs rolled over Florala 27-0 in Kinston's homecoming game. The win evened the Bulldogs' record at 2-2.

The Kinston Bulldogs gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Saturday night as the Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back to spank the Florala Wildcats 27-0, in Kinston.

The Bulldogs evened their record at 2-2 and moved to 2-0 in region play with the impressive win, while Florala slipped to 0-4 with the loss.

Kinston received the opening kickoff and gave its fans a preview of things to come as the Bulldogs marched 64 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard. A holding penalty slowed the drive early, but the Bulldogs pounded the ball straight ahead as the Florala defense behind the running of Ryan Anderson and Bo Driggers, and got into the endzone when Patrick Nelson took a handoff on a reverse and sprinted around the left end 17 yards for the touchdown. A low snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but the Bulldogs were ahead to stay at 6-0 after only one possession.

Kinston regained possession at its own 40-yardline after a big defensive stop, and once again headed towards the goal line.

Jammie Lunsford had a key three yard gain on fourth down and one to keep the drive alive early, while Tim Whigham had a big 28-yard reception that gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Florala 28-yardline. Jammie Lunsford took over from there, as the junior running back got the call on three straight plays and barreled into the endzone from seven yards out for the touchdown. A two-point try failed; however, Kinston was in command with a 12-0 second quarter lead.

Kinston's Patrick Nelson intercepted a Florala pass at the Bulldog 28-yardline with 7:02 left in the half, and the Bulldogs promptly marched right back down the field to blow the game open.

A 15-yard penalty against the Wildcats helped the Bulldog drive get off to a fast start, while a key play in the scoring march was a 43-yard scamper by Patrick Nelson that gave Kinston a first down at the Florala 12-yardline. Jammie Lunsford scored four plays later on a 13-yard plunge, and Jim Besdole pulled in a two-point pass as the Bulldogs' lead went to 20-0.

Florala took the ensuing kick and put together its only scoring threat of the half as the Wildcats marched to a first down at the Kinston 14-yardline. The drive was highlighted by the passing combination of Bob Smith to Matt Geohagan, but the Bulldog defense sufficed when the Wildcats got in close, and Kinston turned back the threat on a pass interception in the endzone by Patrick Nelson.

Kinston fumbled away an opportunity to increase its lead early in the third quarter after a short Florala punt set the Bulldogs up at the Florala 35-yardline. However, the Kinston defense got the ball back on a defensive stop at the Bulldog 37-yardline late in the stanza, and this time the Bulldogs once again reached paydirt!

Jammie Lunsford was the workhorse early in the drive as he bulled for 12 yards on three carries, while Cody Sanson sneaked over from two yards out for the touchdown. Donnie Sanson kicked the extra-point, and Kinston was on its way to victory with a 27-0 lead.

Patrick Nelson gained 78 yards on four carries, scored 1 touchdown and intercepted 2 passes to lead the Bulldogs, while Jammie Lunsford added 63 yards on 12 carries and scored 2 touchdowns.

STATISTICS

K	F
16	1st Downs
245	Rushing Yds.
16	Passing Yds.
261	Total Offense
1-2-0	Passes
2/1	Fumbles/Lost
45	Penalty Yds.

GO TO THE TOP!!!!



Kinston Bulldog running back Bo Driggers (30) barrels over a would-be Florala defender in the Bulldogs' big 27-0 win over the Wildcats. The Bulldogs upped their region record to 2-0 with the win, and will be looking to remain undefeated in region action Friday night when they host the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brockton blanked by Bears 21-0

By Josh Lewis, Sports Editor

The New Brockton Gamecocks gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night, but it wasn't enough to pull out a much needed win, as the Cottonwood Bears handed the Gamecocks a 21-0 loss.

The loss left the Gamecocks with an 0-4 record, 0-2 in region play, while Cottonwood improved its slate to 2-2, 1-1 in the region.

The two defensive units ruled the action early in the game, with the Gamecocks rising up twice to stop the Bears on downs in New Brockton territory.

The Gamecocks did manage a scoring threat midway through the second stanza and marched to a 5-yard pass from Cottonwood 12-yardline, only to

turn the ball over on downs with 4:02 left in the half.

The Bears came to life following the defensive stop and broke the scoreless battle with only :25 remaining in the half when Patrick Reeves lofted a 5-yard touchdown pass to Clay Elliott. Reeves tacked on the extra-point, and when the first half ended only seconds later, Cottonwood went in clinging to a slim 7-0 lead.

New Brockton continued to battle the Bears on even terms for much of the third quarter, until the Bears broke through to block a Gamecock punt with 5:15 remaining at the Brockton 46-yardline.

Cottonwood cashed in the turnover with only :59 left in the third quarter on a 5-yard pass from Reeves to Adrian Ashley, and

although the extra-point try failed, the Bears were on top 13-0.

Cottonwood scored its final touchdown of the game with 4:19 left on the clock on a 10-yard run by Kris Cunningham, and added the two-point conversion on a pass from Reeves to Anthony McCord, as the Bears' lead went to 21-0.

The Gamecocks attempted to get on the scoreboard late, but fumbled away their last chance at near mid-field, and took the loss 21-0.

Jeremy Meeks gained 70 yards on 10 carries to lead New Brockton, while Tyler Simmons added 33 yards on 8 totes. The Gamecock defense was led by Nicky Anderson with 10 tackles and 2 sacks, while Demetrius Foster also made 10 tackles.



New Brockton Gamecock defenders close in on a Cottonwood running back. Gamecocks closing in for the tackle are Rodney Taylor (87), Matt Windham (98) and Jeremy Mack (51). The Gamecocks will battle Geneva County Friday night in a key Region 2 clash.

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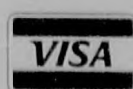
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Community News



CHS Marching Tiger Band golf tournament held

Golfers were able to play nine holes before the rain started falling during the Elba Band Boosters Golf Tournament held Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Elba Country Club.

The winning team included:

Bob Brownlee, Colby Capps, Mike Canley, Lynn Weeks and Danny Weeks with a score of seven under par.

They graciously donated their winnings back to the band.

Dwight Kelley was closest to the hole.

The group enjoyed a hamburger lunch & door prizes were awarded.

A special thanks to the businesses that made donations.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new drums.

PSC studying 205 and 334 area code relief

The Alabama Public Service Commission is preparing to address the need for a new area code in the 205 and 334 Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs).

At the September meeting, the Telecommunications Division Director updated the Commission on the situation with the existing 205 and 334 area codes. According to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the continued rapid growth of the telecommunications industry, including cellular service, paging and local telephone competition, has caused a high demand for new prefix codes (the first three digits of a phone number) in the 334 NPA.

This area covers south Alabama, including Mobile and Montgomery Local Access and Transport Areas (LATAs).

NANPA's original projections indicated area code 334 would exhaust in the third quarter of 2002.

but because of the increase in demand, current NANPA projections indicate the code will exhaust in the third quarter of 2001. The 205 area code is projected to exhaust in the fourth quarter of 2002.

The PSC is reviewing its alternatives to determine the best means for addressing this situation. Because this is an issue that affects so many aspects of Alabamians' lives, the Commission will continue to provide as much information as possible as the process goes forward. Currently, PSC staff plan to present a recommendation for 334 and 205 Area Code Relief at the Commission's meeting on Oct. 2.

In other business at the September meeting, the PSC cleared the way for BellSouth Telecommunications and Verizon South/Verizon Mid-States to put \$43.9 million in federal funds to work for Alabamians in rural areas of the state. This

is the combined estimated amount the two companies are eligible to receive in 2001 in federal high-cost Universal Service Funding (USF), with BellSouth slated to receive \$31.7 million and Verizon \$12.2 million this year.

The companies submitted their 2001 plans for the funds to the PSC for approval in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service order. The PSC is charged with making sure the plans meet the FCC's requirements for high-cost Universal Service support, which is designed to help maintain affordable rates and service quality in rural areas.

The Commission approved the USF plans at the meeting while providing for their continued review. If found necessary, the PSC can exercise its authority to require alterations to the plans to ensure they are put to the best possible use in Alabama.

Homecoming at Kinston High School



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Deadline nearing for Heritage Book submissions

September 30 is the final deadline for submitting family stories and histories to be included in the Coffee County Heritage Book. This book, which is being written by Coffee County volunteers, is scheduled for publication next spring. This is a perfect opportunity to preserve the memory of those unsung heroes who together tamed a wilderness and turned it into the Coffee County that we know today.

Coffee County residents, former residents or descendants of Coffee County residents are invited to write their family histories (past or present) to be included in the book. A picture may be submitted with the family history. Mail submissions to Coffee County Heritage Book Committee, PO Box 310654, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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